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To: House Bill No. 6688

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"AN ACT CONCERNING A HIGHWAY USE FEE."

- Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 12-408 of the general statutes is
- 4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1,
- 5 2021, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2021):
- 6 (1) (A) For the privilege of making any sales, as defined in
- 7 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, at retail, in this state
- 8 for a consideration, a tax is hereby imposed on all retailers at the rate of
- 9 six and thirty-five-hundredths per cent of the gross receipts of any
- 10 retailer from the sale of all tangible personal property sold at retail or
- 11 from the rendering of any services constituting a sale in accordance with
- subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, except, in lieu of said
- 13 rate, the rates provided in subparagraphs (B) to (I), inclusive, of this

- 14 subdivision;
- (B) (i) At a rate of fifteen per cent with respect to each transfer of occupancy, from the total amount of rent received by a hotel or lodging house for the first period not exceeding thirty consecutive calendar days;
- (ii) At a rate of eleven per cent with respect to each transfer of occupancy, from the total amount of rent received by a bed and breakfast establishment for the first period not exceeding thirty consecutive calendar days;
- 23 (C) With respect to the sale of a motor vehicle to any individual who 24 is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is on full-time 25 active duty in Connecticut and who is considered, under 50 App USC 26 574, a resident of another state, or to any such individual and the spouse 27 thereof, at a rate of four and one-half per cent of the gross receipts of any 28 retailer from such sales, provided such retailer requires and maintains a declaration by such individual, prescribed as to form by the 29 30 commissioner and bearing notice to the effect that false statements made 31 in such declaration are punishable, or other evidence, satisfactory to the 32 commissioner, concerning the purchaser's state of residence under 50 33 App USC 574;
 - (D) (i) With respect to the sales of computer and data processing services occurring on or after July 1, 2001, at the rate of one per cent, and (ii) with respect to sales of Internet access services, on and after July 1, 2001, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
- (E) (i) With respect to the sales of labor that is otherwise taxable under subparagraph (C) or (G) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407 on existing vessels and repair or maintenance services on vessels occurring on and after July 1, 1999, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
- 43 (ii) With respect to the sale of a vessel, a motor for a vessel or a trailer 44 used for transporting a vessel, at the rate of two and ninety-nine-

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- hundredths per cent, except that the sale of a vessel shall be exempt from such tax if such vessel is docked in this state for sixty or fewer days in a calendar year;
- 48 (iii) With respect to the sale of dyed diesel fuel, as defined in 49 subsection (d) of section 12-487, sold by a marine fuel dock exclusively 50 for marine purposes, at the rate of two and ninety-nine-hundredths per 51 cent;
- (F) With respect to patient care services for which payment is received by the hospital on or after July 1, 1999, and prior to July 1, 2001, at the rate of five and three-fourths per cent and on and after July 1, 2001, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
 - (G) With respect to the rental or leasing of a passenger motor vehicle for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less, at a rate of nine and thirty-five-hundredths per cent;
 - (H) With respect to the sale of (i) a motor vehicle for a sales price exceeding fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of seven and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price, (ii) jewelry, whether real or imitation, for a sales price exceeding five thousand dollars, at a rate of seven and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price, and (iii) an article of clothing or footwear intended to be worn on or about the human body, a handbag, luggage, umbrella, wallet or watch for a sales price exceeding one thousand dollars, at a rate of seven and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price. For purposes of this subparagraph, "motor vehicle" has the meaning provided in section 14-1, but does not include a motor vehicle subject to the provisions of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating over twelve thousand five hundred pounds, or a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of twelve thousand five hundred pounds or less that is not used for private passenger purposes, but is designed or used to transport merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business enterprise and issued a commercial registration or more specific type of registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles;

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- (I) With respect to the sale of meals, as defined in subdivision (13) of section 12-412, sold by an eating establishment, caterer or grocery store; and spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, soft drinks, sodas or beverages such as are ordinarily dispensed at bars and soda fountains, or in connection therewith; in addition to the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, at the rate of one per cent;
- (J) The rate of tax imposed by this chapter shall be applicable to all retail sales upon the effective date of such rate, except that a new rate that represents an increase in the rate applicable to the sale shall not apply to any sales transaction wherein a binding sales contract without an escalator clause has been entered into prior to the effective date of the new rate and delivery is made within ninety days after the effective date of the new rate. For the purposes of payment of the tax imposed under this section, any retailer of services taxable under subdivision (37) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, who computes taxable income, for purposes of taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, on an accounting basis that recognizes only cash or other valuable consideration actually received as income and who is liable for such tax only due to the rendering of such services may make payments related to such tax for the period during which such income is received, without penalty or interest, without regard to when such service is rendered;
- (K) (i) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2019, the commissioner shall deposit into the regional planning incentive account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, six and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (G) of this subdivision;
- (ii) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2018, the commissioner shall deposit into the Tourism Fund established under section 10-395b ten per cent of the amounts received by the state from

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- the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision;
- 111 (L) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the
- commissioner shall deposit into the municipal revenue sharing account
- established pursuant to section 4-66l seven and nine-tenths per cent of
- 114 the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; [and]
- 116 (M) (i) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2017, the
- 117 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund
- established under section 13b-68 seven and nine-tenths per cent of the
- 119 amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;
- 121 (ii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2018, but
- 122 prior to July 1, 2019, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special
- 123 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 eight per cent of
- 124 the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the sale of a motor
- 126 vehicle;
- 127 (iii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2019, but
- prior to July 1, 2020, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special
- 129 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 seventeen per
- 130 cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- 131 subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the sale of a motor
- 132 vehicle;
- (iv) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2020, but
- prior to July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special
- 135 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 twenty-five per
- cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the sale of a motor
- 138 vehicle;
- (v) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, but
- prior to July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special

- 141 Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 seventy-five per
- cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the sale of a motor
- 144 vehicle; and
- (vi) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2022, the
- 146 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund
- established under section 13b-68 one hundred per cent of the amounts
- received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A)
- and (H) of this subdivision on the sale of a motor vehicle; [.]
- (N) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the
- 151 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund
- established under section 13b-68 one hundred per cent of the amounts
- received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of
- 154 <u>this subdivision on the sale of motor vehicle repair services, any motor</u>
- 155 <u>vehicle part and transportation services; and</u>
- (O) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the
- 157 <u>commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund</u>
- established under section 13b-68 thirty-two and one-tenths per cent of
- 159 the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under
- subparagraph (G) of this subdivision.
- Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of section 12-411 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
- 163 2021, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2021):
- 164 (1) (A) An excise tax is hereby imposed on the storage, acceptance,
- 165 consumption or any other use in this state of tangible personal property
- purchased from any retailer for storage, acceptance, consumption or any
- 167 other use in this state, the acceptance or receipt of any services
- 168 constituting a sale in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
- of section 12-407, purchased from any retailer for consumption or use in
- this state, or the storage, acceptance, consumption or any other use in
- this state of tangible personal property which has been manufactured,
- 172 fabricated, assembled or processed from materials by a person, either

- within or without this state, for storage, acceptance, consumption or any other use by such person in this state, to be measured by the sales price of materials, at the rate of six and thirty-five-hundredths per cent of the sales price of such property or services, except, in lieu of said rate:
- (B) (i) At a rate of fifteen per cent of the rent paid to a hotel or lodging house for the first period not exceeding thirty consecutive calendar days;
 - (ii) At a rate of eleven per cent of the rent paid to a bed and breakfast establishment for the first period not exceeding thirty consecutive calendar days;
 - (C) With respect to the storage, acceptance, consumption or use in this state of a motor vehicle purchased from any retailer for storage, acceptance, consumption or use in this state by any individual who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and is on full-time active duty in Connecticut and who is considered, under 50 App USC 574, a resident of another state, or to any such individual and the spouse of such individual at a rate of four and one-half per cent of the sales price of such vehicle, provided such retailer requires and maintains a declaration by such individual, prescribed as to form by the commissioner and bearing notice to the effect that false statements made in such declaration are punishable, or other evidence, satisfactory to the commissioner, concerning the purchaser's state of residence under 50 App USC 574;
 - (D) (i) With respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of labor that is otherwise taxable under subparagraph (C) or (G) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-407 on existing vessels and repair or maintenance services on vessels occurring on and after July 1, 1999, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
 - (ii) (I) With respect to the storage, acceptance or other use of a vessel in this state, at the rate of two and ninety-nine-hundredths per cent, except that such storage, acceptance or other use shall be exempt from such tax if such vessel is docked in this state for sixty or fewer days in a

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- 206 (II) With respect to the storage, acceptance or other use of a motor for 207 a vessel or a trailer used for transporting a vessel in this state, at the rate 208 of two and ninety-nine-hundredths per cent;
- (III) With respect to the storage, acceptance or other use of dyed diesel fuel, as defined in subsection (d) of section 12-487, exclusively for marine purposes, at the rate of two and ninety-nine-hundredths per cent;
 - (E) (i) With respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of computer and data processing services purchased from any retailer for consumption or use in this state occurring on or after July 1, 2001, at the rate of one per cent of such services, and (ii) with respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of Internet access services, on and after July 1, 2001, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
 - (F) With respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of patient care services purchased from any retailer for consumption or use in this state for which payment is received by the hospital on or after July 1, 1999, and prior to July 1, 2001, at the rate of five and three-fourths per cent and on and after July 1, 2001, such services shall be exempt from such tax;
 - (G) With respect to the rental or leasing of a passenger motor vehicle for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less, at a rate of nine and thirty-five-hundredths per cent;
 - (H) With respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of (i) a motor vehicle for a sales price exceeding fifty thousand dollars, at a rate of seven and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price, (ii) jewelry, whether real or imitation, for a sales price exceeding five thousand dollars, at a rate of seven and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price, and (iii) an article of clothing or footwear intended to be worn on or about the human body, a handbag, luggage, umbrella, wallet or watch for a sales price exceeding one thousand dollars, at a rate of seven

- and three-fourths per cent on the entire sales price. For purposes of this subparagraph, "motor vehicle" has the meaning provided in section 14-1, but does not include a motor vehicle subject to the provisions of subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating over twelve thousand five hundred pounds, or a motor vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of twelve thousand five hundred pounds or less that is not used for private passenger purposes, but is designed or used to transport merchandise, freight or persons in connection with any business enterprise and issued a commercial registration or more specific type of registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles;
 - (I) With respect to the acceptance or receipt in this state of meals, as defined in subdivision (13) of section 12-412, sold by an eating establishment, caterer or grocery store; and spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, soft drinks, sodas or beverages such as are ordinarily dispensed at bars and soda fountains, or in connection therewith; in addition to the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, at the rate of one per cent;
 - (J) (i) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2019, the commissioner shall deposit into the regional planning incentive account, established pursuant to section 4-66k, six and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and ten and seven-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (G) of this subdivision;
 - (ii) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 2018, the commissioner shall deposit into the Tourism Fund established under section 10-395b ten per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (B) of this subdivision;
 - (K) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall deposit into said municipal revenue sharing account seven and nine-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from

- 268 the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision; and
- (L) (i) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2017, the commissioner shall deposit into said Special Transportation Fund seven and nine-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision;
- (ii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2018, but prior to July 1, 2019, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 eight per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of a motor vehicle;
- (iii) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2019, but prior to July 1, 2020, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 seventeen per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of a motor vehicle;
 - (iv) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2020, but prior to July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 twenty-five per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of a motor vehicle;
 - (v) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, but prior to July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 seventy-five per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of a motor vehicle; [and]
- (vi) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2022, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund

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established under section 13b-68 one hundred per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraphs (A) and (H) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of a motor vehicle;

(M) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 one hundred per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision on the acceptance or receipt in this state of motor vehicle repair services, any motor vehicle part and transportation services; and

(N) For calendar months commencing on or after July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 thirty-two and one-tenths per cent of the amounts received by the state from the tax imposed under subparagraph (G) of this subdivision."

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2021, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2021 | 12-408(1) |
| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2021, and applicable to sales occurring on or after July 1, 2021 | 12-411(1) |